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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109; Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in regards to LightSquared's proposed wireless broadband network and its request for explicit clarity on usage rights of its licensed spectrum. As a small business owner who is already quite familiar with interference issues with a mobile wireless network, I know that expanding mobile wireless access and capability is extremely important to many Arkansans, and I am sure many Americans, as well.

My experience with wireless interference is obviously not of the same caliber LightSquared is facing, but it is enough for me to voice my opinion regarding this issue. I own and operate a high-end salon in a building with several other tenants. I have a large display that was given as a gift in the salon, which according to a large wireless carrier, was interfering with their 4G network. The carrier threatened that it was going to involve the FCC and I would have to pay fines and shut down my salon in order to get the display unplugged rather than find a solution that worked for everyone. The machine is covered in cherished memorabilia and lights up. The manufacturers of the display have had a patent pending on it since the early 1990s. This was technology that years ago this carrier was unwilling to pay to research its affects and is just now crying interference foul. These interference issues could have easily been avoided, not only with my art piece, but the GPS devices as well.

Similar to the way I was strong-armed by the large wireless carrier, these large GPS device manufacturers are lobbying to strong-arm Lightsquared out of utilizing its proposed wholesale broadband network. The solution should be to do the right thing and allow all users of networks – licensed, unlicensed and consumers - to benefit rather than blocking opportunities. The interference caused by my memorabilia display is a prime example of how limited current mobile wireless providers are, and how their capacity to deal with minor interference is insufficient. The FCC should allow the GPS manufacturers to share network with Lightsquared not be the sole beneficiaries.

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Despite the two largest wireless carriers boasting nationwide coverage, there are still many areas lacking access, along with areas with limited capacity that cannot fully service their customers. The benefits that LightSquared's network could provide have been abruptly brought to a halt due to interference concerns raised by GPS device makers and GPS device users. As LightSquared makes clear in its Petition, GPS device makers sell devices that use LightSquared's spectrum without license or authorization.

Technological solutions, such as filters, are viable options to strengthen the reliability of GPS devices and enable compatibility between these devices and LightSquared's terrestrial network. Such compatibility should be pursued, as the **FCC rules** make abundantly clear it is GPS makers' responsibility to adapt to LightSquared's proposed wireless broadband network.

The FCC should reaffirm the usage rights of LightSquared's licensed spectrum. I also encourage the FCC to rule in favor of options that would allow for coexistence between LightSquared's network and GPS device users and manufactures, if it is only for a short period. We cannot allow people to forego network expansion opportunities, especially those that are most beneficial to consumers.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,



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